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Parish Announcement

Due to current Covid19 restrictions there are some changes in the times we are able to gather as a community.

- Sunday worship is at 10.30 every week at St Margaret's church.
- Wednesday Communion is at 10.15 at the Parish Centre.
- The buggy group is sadly suspended until further notice.
- The youth group will share dates and times of one-off events shortly.
- We continue to share online worship every day on either the church or the Vicar's FB page.
- We continue to share Sunday Worship at 9.00 on the FB pages and from 10.00 on YouTube.

Please call Nigel for any further information.

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PRIVATE PRAYER

The church is open on Monday and Wednesday between 11.00 and 1.00 for private prayer.

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends

What a difference a month makes ... or so we had hoped. But no ... apparently not.

Just as we had begun to see some light at the end of the tunnel, the tunnel seems to have got a little bit longer. I do know how frustrating this whole COVID situation is for so many of you, and this terrible pandemic is messing up the rhythm of all our daily lives. And yet, in all the sadness, there is still much to be thankful for.

As I look back on the past month and see so many people and organisations that have responded in a wonderful way to the coronavirus pandemic, I can't help feel that sense of hope that is pushing its way to the surface. Social media has been used to encourage, educate and strengthen us. We have seen evidence that 'church' is not just a building but a living body of people who love and encourage one another. And so, despite the hardship I know this is causing, I still believe it is hope that keeps us from despairing. Hope means that we are taking the initiative and that we are looking towards a better tomorrow. There is a Russian legend that says we can only see the day stars by looking down into the darkness of a deep well. The loveliest of stars is called Hope, but it often can only be seen when things are dark. The Apostle Paul encourages his fellow worker Titus to be hopeful, "as we wait for the blessed day we hope for, when the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, will appear". And again, in the letter to the Hebrews, we read: "We have this hope as an anchor for our lives. It is safe and sure, and it goes through the curtain of the heavenly temple into the inner sanctuary." This points to the fact that hope is sure. In his letter to the Romans, Paul waxed lyrically on hope, "Therefore since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance brings God's approval and his approval brings hope. This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out His love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us."

Our hope lies in the Christ-like actions of NHS staff, social workers, teachers, the police, our armed forces, carers and hospice staff. In fact, all those who care for the community in hope and trust. And it lies in those who continue to work for our church in so many ways. In everything they do, they help us see Christ's light shining, even in this deepest of wells in which we find ourselves.

The other night I was flicking through some notes I had made years ago, about JRR Tolkien's Fellowship of the Ring (notes I ended up not using), and I came across this quote that so easily sums up how many of us feel at the moment, despite all the world seems to be throwing at us.

'The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater.'

Stay strong my friends, stay hopeful and trust that this thing will pass.

Warmest regards

Reverend Nigel

St Margaret's Church, Streatley



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Christine Fox (and cremation)
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Buggy Group

Meets every Tuesday in term time
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Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee,
juice for the children and a
biscuit with a sing song to
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Harvest Festival

4th October 2020

Unfortunately, as we were unable to enjoy Easter lilies in church this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it has been decided to use the lily money donated to purchase much needed items for the Luton Foodbank. These items will be bought and displayed in the church on the window sills and afterwards taken to the Luton Foodbank. I would like to remind you that all the names to be remembered are included in the Remembrance Book displayed in the small cabinet in the Lady Chapel and they have also been included on the Church Website.

Should you wish to make personal donations of non-perishable food these can be taken to the Church Harvest Service on 4th October. Should you not be able to come along on the Sunday, items can be left in the porch on the Saturday morning when the Gardening Club will be meeting. They will be asked to kindly safely store the donations in the church for us.

It was thought this would be a way of helping those in most need at this very difficult time. Your support is very much appreciated.

Brenda

St Margaret's Church, Streatley, donates much needed food to the Luton Foodbank



A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Parish Centre on Thursday, 27th August 2020 and donated an abundance of food supplies and much needed items for delivery to the Luton Foodbank. The response was overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

We shall continue to collect for the Luton Foodbank on a monthly basis at the Parish Centre, Lucas Gardens, Luton, LU3 4AE on the last Thursday in the month.

A special thank you to our Church Wardens, John F and Dorothy and to John W for organising and sorting the donations.

Thank you for your support.

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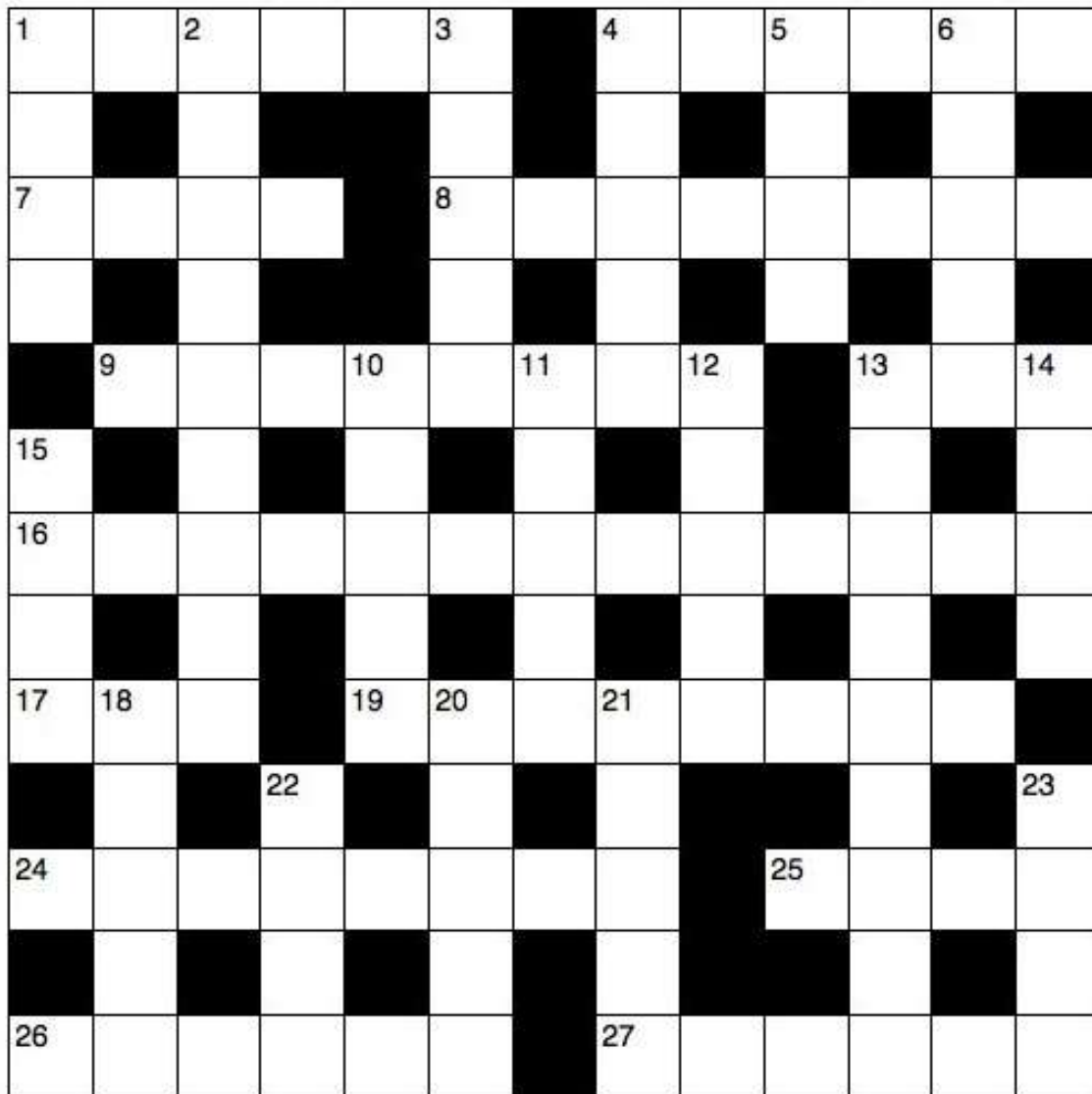
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CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)

- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Some additional input from Nigel

Our wondrous story

I recently felt compelled to change my choice of hymns at the last moment, just before a service and from something perfectly good, to something which I felt was much harder to sing. But why? The song I ended up singing begins with the words 'I will sing the wondrous story, of the Christ who died for me;' and then I couldn't get the song out of my head. For three days, round and round it went. And eventually I had to ask myself what God might be saying?

I believe we all have a wondrous story to tell. Moments when we really feel the presence of God. And so I would love to hear them, and I'm sure others would too. And in sharing your story we can speak to people in ways that sermons often never can.

And so to begin with, Linda has shared her wondrous story.

VILNIUS

In 2005 Andy and I toured the Baltics, ending up in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. I had not heard of the city before. But it was there I came face to face with the Bible. Lithuania has been occupied by various regimes in the past, the last being the Soviets. The country was liberated around 1990, after the fall of the Berlin Wall. During the Russian occupation, religion was suppressed, although it did continue underground. In Vilnius there is a KGB museum, or the Museum of Genocide Victims. It is situated on a wide, tree fringed street, opposite a park. I visited the museum on a sunny morning and, suffice to say, it was a sickening place, an example of man's inhumanity to man.

Later that day I was sitting in Cathedral Square, at the bottom of the same tree fringed street. Opposite me was the Basilica of St Stanislaus and St Ladislaus, a large white, impressive building with an ornate bell tower beside it. During the Russian occupation this cathedral was closed for worship and used as an art gallery. It is open again now and was rededicated by Pope John Paul. Thoughts of the museum were still with me, when I noticed the late afternoon sun. It was shining on a figure of a man on the roof of the building, holding high a cross, which glowed as if on

fire. Beside it, a star on the top of the bell tower also shone. The light of Christianity had been suppressed but now, here, it was shining again in all its glory. And I was reminded of the quote from St John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness
And the darkness has not overcome it.

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER 2020 PROCLAMATION

Sunday 4 October

but earlier if possible, please.

Please send usual/potential contributions to
magazine@stmargaret-streatley.org.uk

I would be grateful to receive contributions, where possible, in Word.

Thanks, Cathy Aizlewood

Make a Joyful Noise!

St Margaret's Church Choir meet on Friday evenings at 7.00 pm. We would like to widen our membership to include those who think they can't sing and those who do not read music, so that more of us can enjoy the fellowship of singing in a group.

We extend an open invitation. This is not committing singers to "robe" or sit with the Sunday choir. It is an opportunity to share the joy of music making and explore our beautiful sacred music with others. I hope you will try us out.

A warm welcome awaits you each Friday.

Barbara Donaldson

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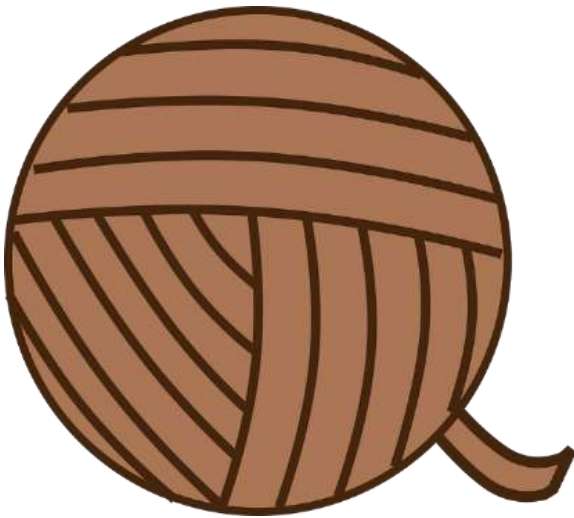
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Our loyal and regular subscribers will be expecting a reminder that subscriptions are due for another year's worth of Proclamation.

Obviously in these strange times, the magazine is not being printed by the usual group of helpful ladies but the contributors and the Editor trust that many of you are getting to read it on line.

We clearly hope we will get back to our usual presentation method 'some time' but for now, we are leaving a decision about subscription renewal until the January magazine.

ST MARGARET'S LADIES GUILD

At our Committee Meeting on 9th September we considered the replies from all members regarding the Venue for future afternoon meetings.

By a very large majority of members, it was agreed that all future meetings would be held at the Parish Centre, Lucas Gardens on the second Thursday in the month from 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm. Hopefully we will be able to restart in February 2021 but all members will be kept informed.

Sadly, we know that some ladies will be disappointed as this day may not suit them with other commitments they may have. We do, however, extend a warm welcome to them to join us as and when they can.

Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.



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
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CHAPTER TWO

LONDON 1554. *Will Knighton, musician to the late Lady Jane Grey, has been summoned to Court by the new Queen, Mary Tudor. On his way, he recalls the last time he saw Lady Jane. It was the day before her execution and she had asked to see him. Jane is a prisoner in the Tower of London. Will is worried what he might find.*

Will found Jane quite calm. She smiled, her gentleness moving him almost to tears. He bowed over her tiny outstretched hand.

“You asked to see me My Lady.”

“I did, Will,” she replied, slowly. “Thank you for answering so quickly.” She dismissed her maid, who hovered nearby. The woman left discreetly. Jane turned to a table and indicated some letters lying there in a small pile. “I still have others to write, but there is one I need you to deliver for me, for I would dearly love a reply before...” she hesitated and glanced to the window, “before tomorrow morning.”

He smiled, anxious to do anything she asked.

“Of course. I will ride with all speed to deliver it.”

“But first, tell me about Court. Is there any news? I get to hear very little, not that I was ever fond of gossip.”

“There is a new song, My Lady, All in a Garden Green. It has been used for dancing. Even,” he paused, “even the Queen likes it.”

“Then pray sing it, Will,” replied Jane, sitting down. “I could do with the diversion.”

So Will sang ‘All in a Garden Green’, a song about two lovers, unseen amongst the leafy trees, with the young man declaring that he would love the young woman always, until he was old and grey. His love would be the same, it would be forever true and would shine brightly, to light his love for her. He sang with such a passion that Jane was entranced, not realising that Will was singing about his love for her. She picked up her own lute and began to play. He showed her the notes.

“And I have a copy of the words,” he added, removing a small scroll from his doublet pocket. He placed it on the table. “But, this letter you want me to deliver, I had better make haste, if I am to get a reply for you.” Jane put down her lute.

“Yes, it is an unusual letter,” she explained, picking up a rolled sheet of parchment. “In fact it is a song. A song I would like you to sing to the recipient of my message. I have

written out the melody and the words. I'm sure you will perform it admirably." She paused. "But tread carefully. It is a dangerous mission. I could trust no one else to do it." His brow corrugated with a small frown.

"To whom am I to deliver this song?" he asked.

"To my cousin, Elizabeth," she replied. "She is presently at Highgate." Will was startled. The Princess Elizabeth was the last person he expected to receive a message from his condemned mistress. Jane handed him the parchment and, when he didn't answer immediately, she added, "you may of course decline." He was eager to reassure her.

"No, no My Lady. Of course I will do your bidding."

He unrolled the paper and read the score neatly set out in Jane's delicate hand. He glanced at the words and the musical notation for a moment before he sang it. The words read:

*Sing a song of oranges,
Sing of sweet plum pie.
And we shall dance the new way
And wave the old good bye.*

*Sing a song of apples,
Sing a song of pears.
Alas there is a chopper,
Waiting up the stairs.*

*Please sing and dance the new way
And wave the old goodbye.
May the dance go on forever,
And its music never die.*

"Sing it to me Will," she said, leaning back in her chair, a note of weariness creeping into her voice. "I know it may seem a trite, little song from one so well educated as myself. But it is important. No one sings as well as you."

Will nodded. To him the words were not trite. 'Alas there is a chopper waiting up the stairs' so innocently written, made him shudder. He had glimpsed the scaffold being erected for Jane's execution, when he came in. He could still hear the hammering. How dreadful for Jane to hear it, too. But he sang the song, skilfully, reading the notes and playing an accompaniment on his lute. It had a lilting, cheerful melody, hardly fitting for the sadness of the moment.

"But I don't understand its meaning," he said when he'd finished, "It is a riddle. How can I do it justice if I don't know the sentiment?"

“Bess will understand,” replied Jane rising to her feet and walking to the window, from where she could clearly see that same scaffold, almost ready and waiting for her in the morning. She caught her breath momentarily and steadied herself on the window sill.

Now more composed she continued. “When we were both living with the dowager Queen Catherine Parr and her husband, the Admiral, Sir Thomas Seymour, I confess, at first, I was a serious girl. Sometimes this annoyed Bess. But my life until then had been very unhappy. My mother often beat me and I felt could never please my parents. With Catherine I felt cherished. She loved me like a daughter. She loved us all and she was a devoted protestant and I admired her for that. She published a book, ‘The Lamentation of a Sinner’, a copy of which she gave me, with a special dedication in the front. I treasured it, but Mary has banned it and they have taken the book away from me. I fear it has been burned, along with all the other banned publications. I was so happy in Catherine’s care and so, I think, was Bess. We both liked to dance and eat sweet plum pie and oranges. Life seemed full of promise, protestant promise with dear Edward as King.” She turned back to face Will. “But Catherine is dead and Edward is dead before his time, too and I am soon to follow them. His vision of a protestant England has died with him for the time being. I cannot eat plum pie and dance again. But Elizabeth can. For the dance must go on and she knows by this I mean the true Church of England. I would like to have her reassurance that the dance *will* continue, if she ever becomes Queen, that I have her support. Then I know I will not have died in vain.”

“Then I will secure it for you,” he said, his throat tight with emotion as he sensed the immense courage of this young woman. “And ride full speed back to you with the answer.”

“I shall be waiting,” she replied quietly. He paused.

“If, if only the Queen would...” he began.

“Do not judge Mary too harshly,” said Jane. “She only does what she thinks best for the country and her faith. I am a protestant threat. Whilst I live she can never be totally secure someone will not plot to put me back on the throne, even though it is the last thing I would wish. I made that mistake once before.” She paused. “And she needs a husband and only a catholic husband will do. She needs Philip of Spain.”

Will nodded and with his throat still tight with emotion, silently took his leave.

He left Jane thinking about Queen Catherine Parr. If only she hadn’t died in childbirth, she would have advised Jane what to do, saved her from being manipulated by others. Also, she had brought the King’s children back together, as their stepmother. She had had a good relationship with Mary. Could she have obtained mercy for Jane had she lived? Catherine had skilfully defeated her own enemies during the reign of Jane’s Great Uncle, King Henry. Henry, although head of the English Church, still had catholic leanings. Catherine had been converted to the Protestantism that King Edward later favoured, possibly by a radical protestant preacher named Anne Askew, who was a frequent visitor

to the Queen's rooms. The woman had been arrested for heresy, tortured and burnt at the stake but refused to implicate the Queen as a follower. A warrant for Catherine's death was drawn up but she talked with Henry and convinced him that she was a dutiful wife, always bowing to his superior knowledge and, therefore, her opinions were guided by him. Henry forgave her and consequently she was saved.

Sadly, I have no such skill, thought Jane and now I cannot be saved.

Suddenly the hammering stopped. The scaffold was ready.



Harvest Quiz - Food and Drink

1. What type of nuts are used in the production of Marzipan?
2. From what is Hummus made?
3. What seed is used to colour Cheddar cheese?
4. In which country would you find the wine region Hunter Valley?
5. Pershore Eggs are a variety of which fruit?
6. From which Greek island did Halloumi cheese originate?
7. What herb do the French refer to as "L'Herbe Royal"?
8. On which Mediterranean island did the fortified wine Marsala originate?
9. From which flower are vanilla pods obtained?
10. If you order Cuisses de Grenouilles in a French restaurant what would you expect to be served?
11. What would expect the filling to be in a Keema Naan?
12. From what is Couscous made?
13. What is added to gin to make a pink gin?
14. What is the minimum age at which Scotch Whisky can be sold in the UK?
15. From what flower is Saffron obtained?
16. What is used to top a Lancashire Hotpot?
17. Sardines are the young of which fish?
18. What flavour is Bigarade sauce?
19. What does a Screwdriver become if you add Galliano?
20. Which vegetable is used to produce a Soubise Sauce?
21. In food terms, what is a Bath Oliver?
22. From which fruit is Perry made?
23. From what is the Portuguese dish named Bacalhau made?
24. From which country does Limburger cheese originate?
25. What name is given to the clarified butter extensively used in Indian cuisine?
26. What herb is generally used to make Pesto?
27. What does beer contain that ale does not?

28. By what other name is the fruit Tangelo also known?
29. Orange Pekoe is a variety of what?
30. Adrak is the Indian word for which spice?
31. What covers the outside of the Scottish cheese Caboc?
32. From which type of meat is Chorizo usually made?
33. The word Sekt on a bottle of German wine indicates what?
34. A deficiency of which vitamin causes Rickets?
35. What is the main ingredient of Sauerkraut?
36. What herb is traditionally used to season lamb?
37. What is the flavour of Fennel Seeds?
38. What starchy food is extracted from the root of the Cassava plant?
39. What would you expect to find in an Indian Dopiaza?
40. What type of fish is made into an Arbroath Smokie?

From your Editor

I mentioned to Brenda that I have been keeping a diary since 18 March containing messages sent to family and friends recounting my extremely 'exciting' activities during lockdown and she seemed to think I should put a bit in, so blame her! From the date you will remember this was the first day of lockdown. The message is written first thing in the morning so refers to the previous day, in this case Sunday 22 March. I am still sending it to 15 people, mostly ladies living on their own who then reply so we all know we were okay ish in these most peculiar times. The diary contains 329 mentions of cake to date but not a single one in this extract.

Monday 23 March 2020

Morning. A bright one degree again and frost on the conservatory roof.

Lovely weather yesterday so delighted to go for a walk and actually got a bit warm under all my layers. I took a paper to friend D who is now staying in but didn't go in or stop chatting for more than a mo. Weather so nice was able to keep patio door open for quite a long time but closed it when sun disappeared behind next door around 2.



Prepared what turned out to be a pretty good Sunday pork roast lunch followed by rice pudding and a nap! Failed to get one Saturday.

Stuff leftover for today and maybe enough to freeze one lunch to add to my little store.

Because of increased food preparation and, of course, hand washing, my right index finger has become very sore and cracked - not a new thing - so actually donned gloves to wash up. Have been using lots of hand cream but doing extra on that bit.

Son has guided me through setting up Skype and we were able to have a chat including his wife last night. Their cat appears to have been very puzzled to see me on a screen talking rather than sitting in my usual spot. I also made a point of speaking to several ladies yesterday who are older and missing human contact and don't have IT facilities to ease the pain.

When no one is 'doing' much, think phone conversations can probably become a bit like hospital visiting where things go quiet. Doing my best to bring in 'daft' but disappointed by the reaction to my bubble-blowing frog. Disappointed in the frog too. One friend suggested he might be constipated!

Another friend expressed relief I had managed to get my mascara on Saturday!!! Very important to keep up standards and am pleased didn't have to fight anyone to get it.

An awful lot of pottering going on. Reading more of my newspapers once I have got beyond the virus stuff with which I am totally sick and tired. Listened to a lot of radio yesterday but not even my own company let me listen to Elaine Page!! Lots of jigging about to music later to keep me going and keep up my 10,000 steps a day target. D has forwarded an exercise routine so will look at that when I need.

Also decided to put these morning messages into a diary with photos - flowers, yesterday's lunch, computer in conservatory and - of course- the constipated frog.

Will go out for a walk when it gets a bit warmer but no other specific plans for the day.



Request for contributions

If something silly or funny happened to you during lockdown to cheer us all and demonstrate we are all in this together, please do let me know.

Can leave comments as anonymous if too embarrassing - mine might be cakes that didn't quite work out as should.

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magazine@stmargaret-streatley.org.uk

Same email address if something uplifting happened or kindness was shown and you would like to thank someone please.

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2. Chickpeas
3. Annatto Seed
4. Australia
5. Plum
6. Cyprus
7. Basil
8. Sicily
9. Orchid
10. Frogs Legs
11. Lamb
12. Semolina
13. Angostura Bitters
14. 3 years
15. Crocus
16. Potato
17. Pilchard
18. Bitter Orange
19. Harvey Wallbanger
20. Onion
21. Biscuit
22. Pear
23. Salted Fish
24. Belgium
25. Ghee
26. Basil
27. Hops
28. Ugli Fruit
29. Tea
30. Ginger
31. Oatmeal
32. Pork
33. Sparkling Wine
34. D
35. Cabbage
36. Rosemary
37. Aniseed
38. Tapioca
39. Chicken
40. Haddock

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